

Notice of Allowability	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
	10/801,086		OBER ET AL.	
	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Tony Mahmoudi		2165	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE and Amendments filed on 05-September-2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-29, re-numbered as claims 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>09/05/2007</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>20071010</u>. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 05-September-2007 and the accompanying Amendments have been entered.

Remarks

2. In response to the Amendments filed on 05-September-2007, claims 13, 19, 22, and 29 are amended and new independent claims 30-32 are added per Applicant's request.
3. In view of the Examiner's Amendment, authorized by the Attorney of Record, newly added independent claims 30-32 are canceled by the examiner (details provided below.) Therefore, claims 10-29 are presently pending in the Application, of which claims 10, 28, and 29 are presented in independent form.

Examiner's Amendment

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To

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ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jason S. Jackson (Attorney of Record) on 10-October-2007 (see enclosed Interview Summary, paper No. 20071010.)

In the claims of the instant Application (submitted on 05-September-07):

30. (Canceled)

31. (Canceled)

32. (Canceled)

Allowance

5. Claims 10-29 are allowed over the prior art made of record.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Terminal Disclaimer submitted by the Applicant on 08-June-2007 (approved by the Office on 20-June-2007) overcomes the previous Double Patenting rejection made to the claims of the instant Application.

The prior art of record, do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim):

“selecting a first record within the first health care database, wherein the first record comprises a first plurality of identification fields and a first health care field that comprises

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health care data associated with the individual”, where a first subset of the first plurality of identification fields within the first record are selected, a first concatenated identifier is created using the selected first subset of the identification field, and a unique alias is created by encrypting a part of the first concatenated identifier”, as recited in independent claims 10, 28, and 29.

Claims 11-27 are allowed over prior art made of record for being dependent from the allowed independent claim 10.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony Mahmoudi whose telephone number is (571) 272-4078. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Fridays from 08:00 am to 04:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin, can be reached at (571) 272-4146.

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